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REMARKS

The Examiner's action dated August 17, 2006, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

The indication of allowability of claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 is noted with appreciation. It is noted that claims 2 and 7 only add the limitation that the temperature effector heats the target.

In view of this indication, claims 2 and 7 have been placed in independent form by incorporation of their subject matter into respective ones of independent claims 1 and 6, thereby placing claims 1 and 6 in *prima facie* allowable condition. Claims 3 and 8 have been amended to depend directly from independent claims 1 and 6, respectively. Claims 11 and 12 already depend directly from claim 6. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to specify that the temperature effector is operative to heat the target. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

In view of these amendments, and particularly in view of the fact that claims 13 and 14 have each been amended to include the novel feature that the temperature effector heats the target, it is submitted that all of the application

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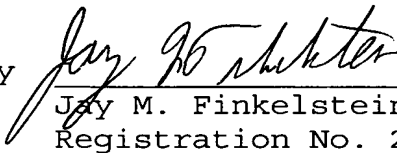
claims should now be considered to define patentably over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that all of the prior art rejections be reconsider and withdrawn, that claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 11-14 be allowed and that the application be found in allowable condition.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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